

**ENTERPRISE TAXONOMY FORMATION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AN**  
**INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

5 A method and system for constituting an integrated enterprise  
taxonomy(222) for an intellectual capital management system  
serving a plurality of local enterprise communities(80) and  
include the steps of and instructions for extracting a  
plurality of local taxonomies from the plurality of local  
10 enterprise communities(224, 240). The invention correlates  
from each of the plurality of local taxonomies a set of  
topics(164) and a set of associations(168) for generating a  
correlated topics and associations set(160) relating to each  
of the plurality of local taxonomies(224, 240). The system  
15 and method further derive a plurality of synonym links(262,  
264, and 266) for linking synonyms within the correlated  
topics and associations set(260). The invention integrates  
the plurality of synonym links and the correlated topics and  
associations set into an integrated enterprise taxonomy(222).  
20 Then, the method and system export the integrated enterprise  
taxonomy into the intellectual capital management system.